

San Marino, Huntington Library, HM 67911

Description: ff. 177 - Bound, s. XX#^2#, in white pigskin over wood boards, the covers with simple blind-tooling, the spine with four raised bands, lettered in gilt in the first, second and fourth compartments "COURTS LEET / COURTS BARON // JUSTICE OF PEACE / CLERK OF PEACE // // MS. / TEMP. ELIZ. [sic]", the lower pastedown with the binder's ticket of "T. [revor] C. Hickman / Wymondham"; the foot of the spine with a small circular brown self-adhesive label inscribed with the Schøyen number "1641." - Inscribed with a variety of names and pen-trials, s. XVI to s. XVIII: "Capell" (f. 170v); "John", "William", "James Parker", and with phrases in French and English, and "Antonius Somers iii [in?] propria" (f. 172v); "margarita", "Drémare", "William" (f. 173); "John Lambe", "antonius" (f. 174); "Wildersh" (f. 174), "William", "Thomas", "Billingsley" (f. 175v), "Roger Addams" (f. 177). With the armorial bookplate, s. XVIII(?), with crest and name of "George Thornhill Esqr", engraved by Mitchell of Bond St (f. iii), perhaps the man of this name admitted to the Inner Temple in 1755. An old paper leaf (f. iv), perhaps a former flyleaf, is inscribed with a table of contents, s. XIX#^ex# or XX. Even if not written there, in East Anglia by the twentieth century, when bound at Wymondham. Lic. Milton F. Rúa: his sale at Sotheby's, New York, 13 June 1991 (which states, opposite lot 105, "almost all of Lic. Rúa's collection was formed in the 1960s"), lot 118, (mis-) described as mid to late fifteenth century, bought by Quaritch, and shown to John Baker; returned to Sotheby's and re-offered with a revised date of ca. 1520 ("copies of dated instruments go to as late as 1517"), New York, 17-18 June 1992, lot 196, bought by Fogg. Sam Fogg, Catalogue 15 (1992), no. 45; with his inventory number "6422" (erased, back pastedown). Martin Schøyen (b. 1940), businessman and manuscript-collector, with the bookplate of "THE SCHØYEN COLLECTION", Oslo and London, inscribed "MS 1641" (cf. spine label); sold back to Sam Fogg in March 2003, with his inventory number "9380" (back pastedown); acquired for the Huntington Library by the Library Collectors' Council from Fogg in January 2004. - Peter Kidd, "Supplement to the Guide to Medieval and Renaissance Manuscripts in the Huntington Library," *Huntington Library Quarterly*, vol. 72, no. 4 (December 2009) pp. 1-101. J. H. Baker, "Migrations of Manuscripts", *The Journal of Legal History*, 13 (1992), 178-185, at 180 no. 337; briefly mentioned again in *ibid.*, 14 (1993), 147 no. 384 and 15 (1994), 180 no. 443. *The Cambridge History of the Book in Britain*, III: 1400-1557, edited by Lotte Hellinga and J. B. Trapp (Cambridge, 1999), 421 nn. 73, 78.

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Number of Parts: 1 - *Number of Images Available:* 2

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Language: Latin Latin; English Latin; English; French *Country:* England *Century:* 16th

Part 1: ff. 1-177v

Description: - Parchment - 95 x 180 mm - Traces of quire numbers at the beginnings of quires 14, 16, 17 (ff. 132, 153, 161); f. ii belongs probably between ff. 170 and 171; frame-ruled in plummet, written with approximately 37-41 long lines.

Country: England

Cardinal point:

Region:

City:

Assigned Date: s. XVIⁱⁿ

Searchable Date Range: 1500 - 1515

Dated by scribe: No

Inscribed Date:

Document: No

Number of Scribes:

Script: Cursive script with secretary features

Notes: Written in England, no earlier than 1497 (see ff. 127-128v, writ of that date), and perhaps before or not long after ca. 1502 (the earliest dated addition, see ff. 71v-72, added indenture dated 1502; and, added after 1506, an inquisition of that date on ff. 166v-168v); perhaps in East Anglia to judge by the section on Colchester (ff. 74-81v), the large number of documents referring to places in Norfolk, Suffolk, and Essex, and to Sir Robert Drury of Hawstead (near Bury St Edmunds) and Somerleytown (near Lowestoft), although these may simply have been copied from the exemplar (which was perhaps London, British Library, Harley MS 1777), and it is notable that a large number of documents concern Devon and Cornwall. Not only do the some 60 texts on ff. 1-130 have their equivalent in Harley MS 1777 (in exactly the same sequence, with the exception of the text on ff. 33-65), but the latter's script and dimensions are extremely similar to the present volume, suggesting that they are in some sense "twins". Latin

Number of Texts: 4

Text 1: ff. 9-12v

Title: Treatise on Courts Leet

Title: Modus observandi curiam cum leta sive visu franciplegii sequuntur hoc modo.

Language(s): Latin; English

Incipit: All maner of persons which owe sute to this court or lete come forthe and answer for yower namys as ye be callid upon

Explicit: Also of all such persons as holde eny erroneose oppynyons or use to teche or preche eny heresy.

Notes: On ff. 1-8, alphabetical index to the volume with reference to folio number.

Text 2: ff. 13-30v; ff. 31-32v blank

Title: Treatise on Courts Baron

Title: Le charge del Court baron.

Language(s): Latin; English; French

Incipit: And as for the Court Baron ye shall fyrst inqyre of all such persons as owe deuty to this court

Explicit: Et sachez que en cheste court sont comprisez iii chosez ... il revyendra et pledra en barre &c.

Text 3: ff. 33-65; ff. 65v-69v blank

Title: Tractatus Justicia Pacis. Abridgment of Statutes concerning Justices of the Peace

Language(s): Latin

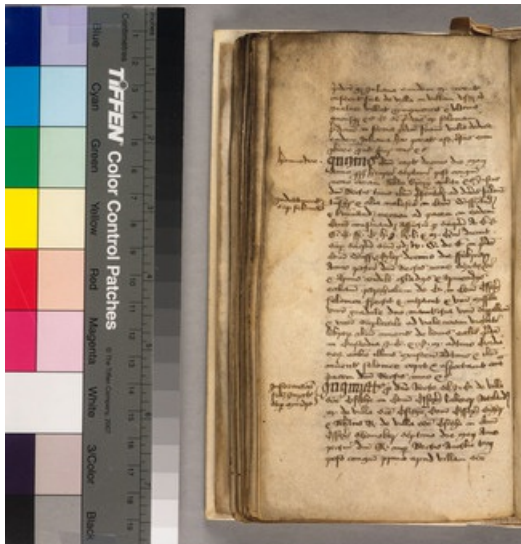
Incipit: What persons shulde bee Justices of peas ther auctoryte & power the forme of ther charge & whereoff they maye enquiry consequently as appereth drawn oute of dyvers statutes that is to seye ffyrst what persons shulde bee Justices &c

Text 4: ff. 70-170v

Title: Formulary of Legal Documents

Language(s): Latin; English

Notes: Formulary for, e.g., letters, indentures of apprenticeship, the documents of the office of the clerk of the peace, presentments, conveyancing, leases, testimonial letters, bills of sale, letters of safe conduct, of presentation of a living, of supplication to the king, of manumission, of licence in mortmain, of enfeoffment in mortmain, forms of declaration of banns of marriage, form of a last will and testament, of an obligation, statement of conditions for arbitration, form of a codicil to a loan agreement, form of agreement for discharge of a loan, conditions for determining a loan agreement on death, form of quittance for payment, form of general releas from a loan, supplications in law, form of the oath of the king to maintain the traditional rights of all parties, memorandum of the powers of the Officers of Escheat, etc.



f. 85v Mention of Robert Drury, dated 10 May 1494, concerning the theft from the parish church of "O" in Essex (perhaps St Osith's), including a missal and a gradual; Sir Robert Drury was the father of Bridget Jernegan, owner of HM 56796.

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f. 163 Request of a Cambridge scholar, in English.

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